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The dam is an earthfill dam with a concrete spillway located at the center of the dam. There are deficiencies which must be corrected to assure the continued performance of the dam. It is small in size with a hazard potential of significant.

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BRIEF ASSESSMENT

Identification No.: MA00667

Name of Dam: Wildwood Lake (Jourdan Pond)

Town: Upton

County and State: Worcester County, Massachusetts

Stream: West River - Tributary of the Blackstone

River

Date of Inspection: November 27, 1978

Wildwood Lake Dam is an earthfill dam with a concrete spillway located in the center of the dam. The dam including spillway is 430 feet long and 23 feet high above the original stream bed. The dam was constructed in 1963 on the site of an earlier dam that was washed out in 1936. The spillway is an ungated concrete ogee weir 75 feet long with a crest at elevation (E1) 307.7. The outlet conduit which is 4-feet square and 18-feet long extends through the spillway and outlets on the downstream face of the weir. Flow through the conduit is regulated by a sluice gate located on the vertical upstream face of the spillway. The handoperated mechanism for opening and closing the sluice gate is mounted on a concrete platform that overhangs the lake.

There are deficiencies which must be corrected to assure the continued performance of this dam. This conclusion is based on the visual inspection at the site, available engineering data, and review of operating and maintenance procedures. Generally, the dam is in fair condition.

The following are visible signs of distress at the site: seepage through the dam, particularly severe in an area to the right of the spillway; a large eroded area on the upstream face of the dam, above the right wing wall; vegetation growing along the water line on

the upstream face of the dam and on the right abutment of the spillway; erosion on the downstream slope of the left embankment; and minor accumulation of debris in the discharge channel.

Based on Corps of Engineers' guidelines, the dam has been classified as "small" and in the "significant" hazard category. Accordingly, a test flood equal to one-half the probable maximum flood (PMF) was used for this analysis. Hydraulic analyses indicate that the spillway can discharge a flow of 6,000 cfs with the water surface at El 315.1, which is the low point on the crest of the dam. An outflow test flood of 3,600 cfs will not overtop the dam.

It is recommended that the Owner employ a qualified consultant to investigate the seepage through the dam, and the severe erosion on the upstream face of the dam, above the right wing wall. In addition, the Owner should backfill the eroded areas on the embankment, clear the brush and trees from the right embankment and from the upstream slope of the dam, and clear the debris from the downstream channel. The Owner should also implement a systematic program of inspection and maintenance.

The recommendations and remedial measures outlined above and in Section 7 should be implemented by the Owner within a period of one year after receipt of this Phase I Inspection Report. The Owner should immediately open the sluice gate and lower the lake to El 300.0. The lake should be maintained at this level until the recommended work has been completed. An alternative to these recommendations would be to lower the lake level permanently by opening the sluice gate.

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This Phase I Inspection Report on Wildwood Lake Dam has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgment and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.

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PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for a Phase I Investigation. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigations, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test Flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general conditions and the downstream damage potential.

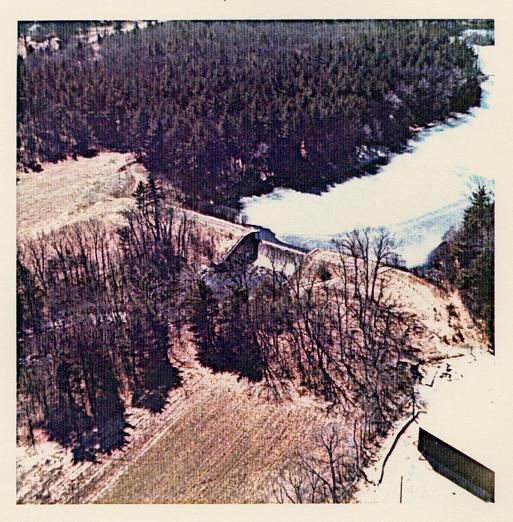
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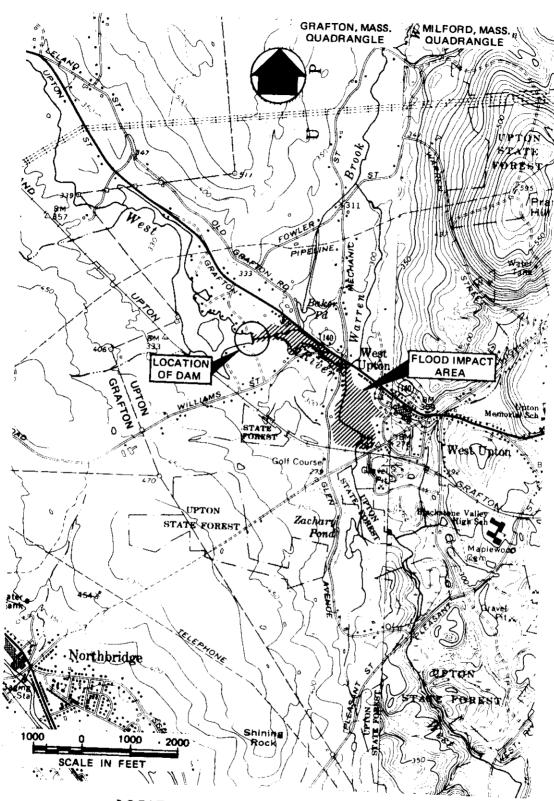
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OVERVIEW WILDWOOD LAKE DAM UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS





LOCATION MAP - WILDWOOD LAKE DAM

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WILDWOOD LAKE

SECTION 1

- PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General

a. Authority. Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a national program of dam inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Metcalf & Eddy, Inc. has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of Massachusetts. Contract No. DACW 33-79-C-0016 dated November 28, 1978 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

b. Purpose:

- (1) Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-Federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by non-Federal interests.
- (2) Encourage and assist the States to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-Federal dams.
- (3) Update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

1.2 Description of Project

a. Location. The dam is located on the West River, a tributary of the Blackstone River, in

the Town of Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts (see Location Map and Drainage Area Map in Appendix D).

Description of Dam and Appurtenances. Wildb. wood Lake Dam is an earthfill dam with a concrete spillway section, totalling 430 feet long and a maximum height of 23 feet above the original stream bed. (See Figures B-1 through B-6). The crest of the dam averages 15 feet The elevation of the crest varies from 315.1 near the spillway, to 316.5 at the right abutment. The embankment is constructed of impervious fill. A cutoff trench beneath the embankment extends 2 to 4 feet into material indicated as sand, gravel and boulders on the boring logs shown on Figure B-3. The upstream side of the embankment slopes at 2.5:1. downstream slope varies from 2.5:1 to slightly flatter. The upstream slope is covered with a gravel bedding and riprap from the toe to about 2 feet above the normal water line. The crest and downstream slopes are covered with A drainage swale has been constructed of concrete on the downstream slope of the left embankment. A concrete cutoff wall which extends 15 feet from each abutment of the spillway, is located at the center of the embankment.

The entrance to the spillway has concrete wing walls that extend for 31 and 42 feet along the upstream face of the dam. As shown in Figure B-6, there is no approach channel;. The upstream face of the spillway is a vertical concrete wall about 13 feet high. Figure B-6 indicates a 7-foot deep cutoff below the upstream end of the spillway. The spillway is a concrete ogee weir with concrete side walls. The crest of the weir is 75 feet long and is at El 307.7.

The downstream face of the spillway is a steep slope leading over a "bucket deflector" radius and onto a gently sloping apron. The side walls continue downstream from the lip of the bucket for the length of the apron, a distance of 36 feet, and terminate at ll-foot long retaining walls on the downstream face of the dam. These walls are at right angles to the

side walls. The concrete apron is 2 feet thick over a gravel bed. At the downstream end of the apron a concrete cutoff extends 5 feet below the bottom of the spillway slab. The apron has been constructed with two rows of 4-inch weep holes spaced on 15-foot centers. In addition, the underdrain system for the spillway includes a 6-inch diameter perforated pipe located behind the cutoff wall at the upstream end of the weir. The perforated pipe drains to 6-inch diameter lateral pipes which discharge downstream of the apron. Figure B-3 also shows perforated drain pipe outside of the sidewalls to the spillway.

The spillway discharges into the stream channel at the toe of the apron. The beginning of the channel is paved with riprap for a distance of about 10 feet. There is also riprap placed along the toe of the retaining wall. The channel is about 75 feet wide directly below the spillway and has steep earth slopes that are partly covered with boulders. The floor of the channel is covered with sand, gravel and boulders. The width of the channel is reduced to 25 feet, about 90 feet downstream from the toe of the apron.

The outlet for Wildwood Lake is a 4-foot square 18-foot long opening which extends through the spillway adjacent to the right side wall. The upstream end of the outlet is on the vertical upstream face of the spillway. Figure B-9 shows a trash rack covering the inlet. The outlet has an upstream invert at El 296.0. The outlet end is located on the downstream face of the spillway. Flow through the outlet is controlled by a 4-foot square sluice gate at the upstream face of the spillway. The gate is operated by a handoperated crank mounted on a concrete platform which overhangs the upstream face of the spillway.

c. Size Classification. Wildwood Lake Dam is classified in the "small" category since it has a maximum height of 23 feet and a maximum storage capacity of 460 acre-feet.

- d. Hazard Classification. The discharge channel from Wildwood Lake Dam flows through a wooded area bounded by open fields. Baker Pond is a small pond located about 400 feet below Wildwood Lake. The pond is formed by a second dam on the West River, south of Williams Street. According to the water superintendent for the Town of Upton, the Baker Pond Dam is in very poor condition. Failure of the dam at Wildwood Lake would cause flooding of Baker Pond. The flow would probably be impeded by the culvert under Williams Street and by Baker There is, however, a possibility of Pond Dam. flood damage to homes along the river and on Glen Avenue in West Upton, particularly if the Baker Pond Dam were to fail. For these reasons the dam at Wildwood Lake has been placed in the "significant" hazard category.
- e. Ownership. The dam is owned by the Town of Upton, Massachusetts (617-529-3565, Town Clerk). Mr. Aldo Consigli, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, granted permission to enter the property and inspect the dam. There is, however, a long-standing dispute between the Town and the State of Massachusetts over the responsibility for operation and maintenance of the dam.
- f. Operator. The Highway Superintendent, who is also the Water Superintendent, is the designated operator of the dam.
- g. Purpose of the Dam. The construction of the existing dam was completed in 1966; the lake is currently used for recreational activities such as swimming and fishing.
- h. Design and Construction History. There have been two other dams located at this site. The first, which was built in 1833, was replaced in 1851 by a stone masonry and earth structure. The reservoir behind the second dam covered 48 acres and was used for power by various industries. Until 1930 the lake was the property of the Smith Mills. Lake Wildwood became well known as a recreational center in the early part of this century, with cottages, fishing and boating facilities, and

even a dance pavilion on the island. The Lake Wildwood Improvement Association purchased the property in 1934, after the mills closed.

The dam failed during a flood on March 12, 1936. The reports of the failure are incomplete, but apparently the dam failed due to overtopping. One report suggested also that ice on the lake may have had a part in the failure. Reports on the condition of the dam after the flood are conflicting. One states that the breached section was 70 feet long, while another says only one abutment of the spillway remained. The 1960 plans of repairs show the remnants of a concrete abutment to the right of the stream, and of a concrete wall on the left side.

Shortly after the failure, plans for reconstruction of the dam were submitted to the Worcester County Commissioners, but the dam was never built. Eventually the Lake Wildwood Improvement Association went bankrupt and sold the property in 1946.

The Town of Upton acquired the property in 1956. The lake bed was by this time overgrown with trees and brush, and heavily silted in.

In 1958 Green Engineering Affiliates conducted a study on the proposed repairs to the dam at Jourdan Pond (Wildwood Lake). A copy of their preliminary report is included in Appendix B. The present dam was built in 1963 by the Massachusetts Division of Waterways, and designed by Green Engineering. Available information indicated that debris and remnants of the old dam were excavated only when necessary. Figure B-4 shows a typical section of the dam, and indicates that the new embankment was constructed slightly upstream of the old one, and that part of the former embankment and stone wall has been incorporated into the dam. Rubble stone that had been washed from the embankment during the flood was used as riprap on the slopes, and in the discharge channel. There has been no other work on the dam since its completion.

i. Normal Operating Procedure. There is no standard operating procedure at the dam. The new dam was completed in 1966, and since that time the gate has been kept closed. There are no provisions for flashboards on the spillway.

1.3 Pertinent Data

- a. Drainage Area. The drainage area for Wildwood Lake covers about 4,896 acres (7.65 square miles). Miscoe Brook and the West River flow roughly north to south in a broad swampy flood plain. Cider Mill Pond and Silver Lake, upstream of Wildwood Lake, were also formed by dams on the West River. The remaining drainage area is comprised of farm and woodland with slopes ranging from 5 to 15 percent. Limited residential development occurs on the east side of Pigeon Hill, in the north, and along Route 140 and several secondary roads. The Massachusetts Turnpike crosses the watershed at the northern end, and a high tension line at the southern end.
- b. Discharge. Normal discharge is over the ungated ogee spillway. The spillway is 75 feet long, with a crest at El 307.7. Water flows down the 13-foot high surface of the weir, and over a concrete apron which extends for 57.5 feet from the upstream wall of the weir. At the toe of the apron the water enters the discharge channel. The channel is 75 feet wide and lined with rock fill and boulders at the toe of the spillway. Beyond 90 feet, however, the channel narrows to a 25-foot wide stream that flows through woodland to Baker Pond, about 400 feet downstream.

The spillway can discharge an estimated 6,000 cfs with the water surface at El 315.1 which is the low point on the crest of the dam. The outflow test flood (one-half PMF) is 3,600 cfs at El 313.0 and will not overtop the dam.

The maximum flood level at the present dam is unknown. The original dam was overtopped and washed out in the 1936 flood.

c. Elevation (feet about Mean Sea Level (MSL)).

A benchmark was established at El 307.7 on the

spillway crest. This elevation was shown on drawings of the dam dated 1959 (see Figure B-4).

- (1) Top dam: 315.1 to 316.5
- (2) Test flood pool: 313.0
- (3) Design surcharge (1958 design): Maximum Design Flow El 313.15
- (4) Full flood control pool: Not Applicable (N/A)
- (5) Recreation pool: 307.7
- (6) Spillway crest (ungated): 307.7
- (7) Upstream portal invert diversion tunnel: N/A
- (8) Stream bed at centerline of dam: 292.0
- (9) Maximum tailwater: 294.4

d. Reservoir

- (1) Length of maximum pool: 5,200 feet
- (2) Length of recreation pool: 5,200 feet
- (3) Length of flood control pool: N/A

e. Storage (acre-feet)

- (1) Test flood surcharge (Net): 192 at El 313.0
- (2) Top of dam: 460
- (3) Flood control pool: N/A
- (4) Recreation pool: 190 (Approximate)
- (5) Spillway crest: 190

f. Reservoir Surface (acres)

- *(1) Top dam: 36
- *(2) Test flood pool: 36
 - (3) Flood-control pool: N/A
 - (4) Recreation pool: 36
 - (5) Spillway crest: 36

g. Dam

- (1) Type: earthfill
- (2) Length: 430 feet
- (3) Height: 23 feet
- (4) Top width: 15 feet
- (5) Side slopes: upstream and downstream 2.5:1
- (6) Zoning: homogeneous impervious fill
- (7) Impervious core: earth
- (8) Cutoff: cutoff trench 2 to 4 feet deep beneath centerline of embankment; 15-foot long cutoff wall on each side of spillway
- (9) Grout curtain: none.

i. Spillway

- (1) Type: ogee
- (2) Length of weir: 75 feet
- (3) Crest elevation: 307.7 MSL (assumed benchmark)
- (4) Gates: None

^{*}Based on the assumption that the surface area will not increase significantly with changes in reservoir elevation from 307.7 to 315.1.

- (5) Upstream channel: concrete wing walls on upstream face of dam. Lake bed graded to El 295.0 at spillway.
- (6) Downstream channel: Broad, gently sloping concrete apron extends 36 feet from toe of weir, leads to 75-foot wide discharge channel partially paved with riprap. Channel narrows to 25 feet.
- (7) General: Baker Pond located 400 feet downstream, concrete box culvert under Williams Street, 1,500 feet downstream. Baker Pond Dam below Williams Street.
- j. Regulating Outlets. The regulating outlet at the dam is a 4-foot square conduit through the spillway, adjacent to the south side wall. The conduit is shown on the drawings to be 18 feet long with an invert at El 296.0. The inlet to the conduit is located on the vertical upstream face of the weir, and the outlet on the downstream face.

Flow through the conduit is controlled by a 4-foot square sluice gate on the upstream face of the weir. The gate is operated by a hand crank located on a concrete platform overhanging the upstream face of the dam.

SECTION 2

ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 General. There were two sets of drawings available for this dam at the Worcester County Commissioners Office. One set is dated December 1936, and shows the proposed plan for rebuilding the dam. Apparently this design was never used. The second set consists of seven sheets of design drawings, dated 1959, by Green Engineering Affiliates, Inc. A copy of this set is included in Appendix B. There were no as-built drawings available. Hydraulic and stability computations on file at Green Engineering (now known as Green International Affiliates, Inc.) were also reviewed for this report. Standard specifications by the Massachusetts Division of Waterways were used for construction of this dam.

We acknowledge the assistance and cooperation of personnel of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, Division of Waterways.

Also, we acknowledge the cooperation and assistance of personnel from the Worcester County Engineer's Office.

In addition, we thank Messrs. James Bates and Henry Poirier, of the Town of Upton who provided information on the history of the operation and past performance of the dam.

We also acknowledge the assistance of personnel from Green International Affiliates, Inc., who provided the available design data.

- 2.2 Construction Records. The only construction records are the 1959 Plans referred to in section 2.1 and included in Appendix B. There are no as-built drawings for the dam, spillway or outlet structures.
- 2.3 Operating Records. No operating records are available, and there is no daily record kept of the elevation of the pool or rainfall at the dam site.

2.4 Evaluation

- a. Availability. There is engineering data available on the design of the spillway.
- b. Adequacy. The available hydraulic, structural, and construction data were reviewed. he evaluation of the adequacy of this dam is based on review of available drawings and computations, visual inspection, past performance history, and engineering judgment.
- c. Validity. Comparison of the available drawings with the field survey conducted during the Phase I inspection indicates that the information is valid.

SECTION 3

VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings

- a. General. The Phase I Inspection of the dam at Wildwood Lake was performed on November 27, 1978. A copy of the inspection check list is included in Appendix A. Previous inspections of the former dam at this site have been made by others since 1925. A partial listing of these inspections is in Appendix B. An inspection was made in 1963 during construction of the new dam, and again in 1972 by personnel from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. Copies of their reports are included in Appendix B.
- Wildwood Lake Dam consists of an earthb. Dam. fill embankment with a concrete spillway located in the center of the dam. Concrete cutoff walls extend into the embankment from each side of the spillway. The present dam was constructed over the remnants of a previous dam that had been washed out in 1936. A 1936 County inspection report described the former dam as an earth embankment with reinforced concrete walls on the upstream and downstream slopes. Figure B-5, however, indicates that some walls were of masonry construction. 15-foot section of stone wall on the downstream slope of the left embankment was observed during the inspection. According to Figure B-5, the embankment was constructed with gravel borrow at the toe, beyond the old wall.

The dam appears to be in fair condition, however, several signs of distress were noted at the site. Seepage through the dam has created a large wet area on the downstream slope of the embankment, to the right of the spillway. This area is overgrown with brush and marsh vegetation and the ground is spongy and soft. A second, smaller area of seepage was apparent in the riprap below the left retaining wall of the spillway.

Early inspection reports on the former dam at this site made frequent reference to leaks through the toe of the dam, and bulging in the downstream wall, particularly along the northerly end of the wall. The wall was apparently repaired in 1928, but the problem of leakage persisted up to the time that the dam failed in 1936. The seepage observable in the present dam may also be caused by leaks through the remains of the old embankment.

There is a large hole, approximately 6 feet in diameter and 2 feet deep, on the upstream face of the dam above the right wing wall of the spillway. The hole is believed to be due to erosion. The chainlink fence along the wing wall and outlet works has been partially dismantled and should be replaced.

There are bushes growing in the riprap along the present water line on the upstream face of the dam. These should be removed, as well as the heavy accumulation of brush on the downstream slope in the main seepage area. A few trees on the downstream slope of the left embankment should also be cleared.

The crest of the dam is clear, and there is some evidence of vehicular traffic on both embankments, probably originating from the nearby DPW Garage, and the picnic area adjacent to the right abutment. Foot traffic has also eroded a path across the downstream slope of this embankment. This minor erosion on the crest and slopes does not appear to be a problem.

c. Appurtenant Structures. The spillway is a 75-foot long concrete ogee weir located about 150 feet from the south abutment of the dam. A flat concrete apron extends about 36 feet beyond the toe of the spillway. Beyond the end of the apron the spillway discharges into an earth and rock channel. The weir and the apron are bounded by concrete side walls. The spillway appears to be in good condition, except for minor erosion of the concrete at the base of the side walls.

The outlet conduit is a 4-foot square opening which extends through the spillway and discharges at the downstream face of the weir.

The visible concrete appears to be in good condition. Water flowing over the weir prevented a closer inspection of the outlet, and the gated inlet was submerged. The hand operated sluice gate mechanism is standing on an open platform which overhangs the lake. The mechanism is unlocked, but the hand crank is not kept at the site. The gate apparently has not been opened since the dam was built. Its condition is unknown.

- d. Reservoir Area. Development in the Wildwood Lake area is limited to the east side of the lake, near Route 140, and along Williams Street, in the south. Future development is possible along the west shore of the lake, but at the present time there are no roads. This area is generally wood and farm land, with slopes of 5 to 8 percent adjacent to the pond.
- e. Downstream Channel. Discharge from the spillway and outlet flows over the concrete apron of the weir, and enters the channel of the West River. The width of the channel is reduced from 75 to 25 feet about 90 feet downstream. The upper 10 feet of the discharge channel is protected with riprap on the floor and boulders on the banks, apparently all debris from the former dam at this site. remainder of the channel has a natural pavement of sand, gravel, and cobbles, and earth slopes. Sections of the banks beyond the riprap are undercut, exposing the roots of trees which overhang the channel. A footbridge of rocks and debris has been constructed across a narrow section of the channel, about 150 feet downstream of the dam. This minor amount of debris does not appear to obstruct flow. Elsewhere the channel is clear.

About 400 feet downstream of the dam, the stream, which is the West River, enters Baker Pond. The outlet for this pond is restricted by a concrete culvert under Williams Street.

The dam for Baker Pond is downstream of this culvert, and according to Town Personnel, this lower dam is in very poor condition.

The river flows in a shallow, rocky channel under a bridge on Glen Avenue before entering the floodplain for the West Hill Flood Control Reservoir. There are about five homes on the east side of Glen Avenue, adjacent to the flood plain, which could be endangered in a flood.

3.2 Evaluation. The above findings indicate that the dam is in fair condition, but there are several deficiencies which require attention. Apparently there is no established maintenance program at this site.

Recommended measures to improve these conditions are stated in Section 7.3.

SECTION 4

OPERATING PROCEDURES

- 4.1 Procedures. Since the new dam was completed (about 1966) the normal procedure has been to keep the outlet gate closed and allow the ungated spillway to discharge flow over the crest.
- 4.2 Maintenance of Dam. There is no regular maintenance procedure at the dam. The town owns a small park adjacent to the south abutment of the dam that is well-maintained by the Conservation Commission and the Tree Warden. Apparently no work has been done on the dam since its completion. An eroded area on the upstream slope of the dam has not been filled in, and the chainlink fence along the right wing wall, which was torn at some time, has not been replaced.
- 43. Maintenance of Operational Facilities. The gate appears to be in good condition, but reportedly has not been used since its installation. No problems have been reported at the outlet or on the spillway since the dam was built.
- 4.4 Description of Any Warning System in Effect.
 There is no warning system in effect at this dam.
 One of the Town selectmen indicated that the Water Superintendent is relied upon to open the gate when he deems it necessary.
- 4.5 Evaluation. There is no regular program of maintenance or a warning system in effect at Wildwood Lake Dam. Apparently there is a long-standing dispute between the Town and State over who is actually responsible for the operation and maintenance of this facility. This is undesirable considering the dam is in the "significant" hazard category. A program of inspection and maintenance and a surveillance system for this dam should be implemented as recommended in Section 7.3.

SECTION 5

HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

5.1 Evaluation of Features

- General. The drainage area for Wildwood Lake a. includes two smaller ponds on the West River: Cider Mill Pond, which is largely silted up, and Silver Lake. The West River and Miscoe Brook drain several large swampy areas in the northern part of the watershed before joining north of Cider Mill Pond. The dam at Wildwood Lake was constructed in 1963 to replace one that was washed out in the flood of March 1936. The new dam is an earth embankment with a central concrete spillway. The crest of the weir is 75-feet long and at El 307.7. This was also the elevation of the original spillway at this site. There are no provisions for flashboards on the weir. There is a concrete apron at El 292.0 at the toe of the weir. weir and apron are bounded by sloping concrete side walls. Discharge from the lake flows over the weir and the apron and into an earth channel. The channel is 75-feet wide and lined with riprap at the upper end. Approximately 90 feet downstream from the toe of the apron, the width of the channel is reduced to about 25 feet. The stream channel, which is the West River, flows 400 feet through woodland to Baker Pond.
- b. Design Data. Hydraulic computations were reviewed, and are available at the office of Green International Affiliates, Inc. The maximum design discharge for the spillway was calculated to be 3,600 cfs at a head of 5.45 feet. Based on a spillway crest elevation of 307.7, the design flood elevation was computed to be 313.15. The upstream riprap does not extend this high.
- c. Experience Data. Hydraulic records are not available for this dam.

- d. Visual Observations. The dam is relatively new, and the spillway appears to be in good condition. There is no approach channel, and the entrance to the spillway is clear except for minor amounts of debris floating near the crest of the weir. The outlet conduit extends through the spillway and discharges at the downstream face. The mechanism for operating the gate appears to be in good condition, although it is reported that the gate has not been opened since the dam was built. The narrow discharge channel shows some erosion of its banks. Local accumulations of rock and debris do not appear to impede the flow in the channel.
- Test Flood Analysis. The Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) rate was determined to be 1,000 cfs per square mile. This calculation is based on the average slope of the drainage area of 1.5 percent, the pond-plus-swamp area to drainage area ratio of 10 percent, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' guide curves for Maximum Probable Flood Peak Flow Rates (dated December 1977). Applying one-half the PMF to the 7.65 square miles of drainage area results in a calculated peak flood flow of 3,800 cfs as the inflow test flood. By adjusting the inflow test flood for surcharge storage, the maximum discharge rate was established as 3,600 cfs (472 cfs per square mile), with a water surface at El 313.0.

Hydraulic analyses indicate that the spillway could discharge 6,000 cfs when the water surface is at El 315.1 which is the low point on the crest of the dam. This discharge exceeds the outflow test flood of 3,600 cfs. Using the outflow test flood, the pond level would be 2.1 feet below the low point on the crest (El 313.0). The outflow test flood of 3,600 cfs is the same as the design flood for the spillway.

The 4-foot square outlet through the spillway has a capacity of 300 cfs with the water surface at El 307.7. The lake could be lowered 1 foot below the spillway crest in about 1-1/2 hours.

Dam Failure Analysis. The discharge rate due to failure of the dam was calculated with the water surface at El 313.0, which is the lake level during the test flood. The total flow, would be approximately 13,300 cfs, with a maximum river depth of 12 feet. This flow rate includes 3,600 cfs discharging through the spillway and a depth of flow of 7.5 feet in the downstream channel, prior to failure of the dam. At 400 feet downstream of the dam, the flood wave would flow into Baker Pond, and be partially restricted by the culvert under Williams Street. The resulting backup into Baker Pond could cause flooding along Route 140. There is also a potential for damage to the buildings in West Upton, particularly three homes along Glen Avenue. For these reasons, the dam has been placed in the "significant" hazard category.

SECTION 6

STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

- a. Visual Observations. The evaluation of the structural stability of Wildwood Lake Dam is based on review of the available drawings and computations, and the visual inspection conducted on November 27, 1978. As discussed in Section 3, Visual Inspection, the dam is in fair condition, however, seepage through the downstream face of the dam could indicate an unfavorable situation. Accordingly, it is recommended that this condition be evaluated further.
- b. Design and Construction Data. There are seven sheets of drawings dated 1959 available from the County on the design of this dam (see Figures B-3 through B-9). Structural computations by Green Engineering Affiliates, Inc., on the stability of the concrete spillway side walls and retaining walls were reviewed. The computations appear to be in conformance with current design procedures. These are the only plans, specifications, or computations available on the design and construction of this dam from the Owner, State, or County, or Green Engineering Affiliates, Inc. There were no computations available regarding the stability of the earth dike.

Information does not appear to exist on the type, shear strength, and permeability of the soil and/or rock materials of the embankment. The drawings note the embankment material as impervious borrow.

Wildwood Lake Dam was constructed in 1963 to replace an earlier dam that had been washed out in 1936. The present dam is partially built over the remains of the former dam including part of a downstream retaining wall. According to the boring logs shown in Figure B-3, the foundation material is sand, gravel, and boulders. The design drawings indicate a cutoff trench 2 to 4 feet deep under the

centerline of the dam. There is also a concrete cutoff wall that extends 15 feet into the embankment from each wall of the spillway.

The foundation of the spillway is apparently keyed into undisturbed material consisting chiefly of sand and gravel. There is also a 5-foot deep cutoff wall at the toe of the spillway apron.

- c. Operating Records. There is no instrumentation of any type in Wildwood Lake Dam, and no instrumentation was ever installed in this dam. The performance of this dam under prior loading can only be inferred by physical evidence at the site.
- d. Post-Construction Changes. There are no asbuilt drawings available for Wildwood Lake Dam. Based on the visual evidence, and field measurements, the dam appears to be built essentially as shown on the 1959 drawings.
- e. Seismic Stability. Wildwood Lake Dam is located in Seismic Zone 2. Because the dam is classified as "small" and retains a low head of water, seismic analysis is not warranted.

SECTION 7

ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment

Condition. Based upon a review of available a. drawings, the visual inspection of the site, and from the limited operational or maintenance information, there are deficiencies which must be corrected to assure the continued performance of this dam. Generally, the dam is considered to be in fair condition. The major problem at the site is the amount of seepage through the embankment on both sides of the spillway, but particularly on the right side. Other signs of distress were the erosion on the upstream face, to the right of the spillway; the bushes growing along the upstream face of the dam at the water line; dense growth of brush on the slope of the right abutment (in the vicinity of the seepage); erosion on the downstream slope of the left embankment; and minor accumulation of debris in the downstream channel.

Hydraulic analyses indicate that the spillway can discharge a flow of 6,000 cfs with the water surface at El 315.1 which is the low point on the crest of the dam. An outflow test flood of 3,600 cfs (one-half the probable maximum flood) will not overtop the dam.

- b. Adequacy. The available hydraulic, structural, and construction data were reviewed. The evaluation of the adequacy of this dam is based on review of available drawings, and computations, visual inspection, past performance and engineering judgment. The information is considered adequate for a Phase I inspection.
- c. <u>Urgency</u>. The recommendations and remedial measures outlined below should be implemented by the Owner within 1 year after receipt of this Phase I Inspection Report.
- d. Need for Additional Investigation. Additional investigations to further assess the

adequacy of the dam are outlined below in Section 7.2. Recommendations.

- 7.2 Recommendations. In view of the concerns on the continued performance of this dam, it is recommended that the Owner employ a qualified consultant to investigate the seepage through the dam, and the severe erosion on the upstream face of the dam near the right spillway wing wall.
- 7.3 Remedial Measures. The dam is about 12 years old and has not yet required any major repairs. It is recommended, however, that the Owner accomplish the following:
 - a. open the sluice gate and lower the lake to El 300.0, which is approximately 8 feet below the crest of the spillway. The lake should be maintained at this level until the recommendations and following remedial measures are implemented.
 - b. add riprap to the upper slope of the upstream face of the dam. This would provide complete riprap protection for the entire face of the dam.
 - c. backfill and protect the eroded area on the upstream face of the dam, adjacent to the spillway. Also, repair the erosion on the downstream face of the embankment.
 - d. clear brush and trees from the upstream face near the water line, and from the downstream face of the right abutment.
 - e. clear the accumulated debris from the downstream channel.
 - f. repair the fence on the wing wall of the spillway.
 - g. implement a systematic program of maintenance inspections. As a minimum, the inspection program should consist of a monthly inspection of the dam and appurtenances. It is essential that a department in the Town be assigned permanent responsibility for maintaining the dam and operating the gate. All

repairs and maintenance should be undertaken in accordance with all applicable State regulations.

- h. periodic technical inspections of this dam should be continued on an annual basis.
- i. institute a definite plan for surveillance and a warning system during periods of unusually heavy rains and/or runoff.
- 7.4 Alternatives. The alternative to implementing the recommendations and maintenance procedures listed above would be to lower the lake level permanently, by opening the sluice gate.

APPENDIX A PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PERIODIC INSPECTION PARTY ORGANIZATION

| PROJECT Wildwood Lake | | DATE NOV 27 1978 | | |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|--|--|
| | Available construction drawings are included in Appendix B of this report | | TIME 12:00 WEATHER cloudy, snow fluris | |
| PARTY: | : | | W.S. ELEV. 307.7 U.S. 294.4 DN. D. Berchmark El. 307.7 at spillway crest - based on 10.59 drawing. | |
| 1 | E Greco | 6 | L. Branagan | |
| 2 . | 5 Pierce | 7 | | |
| 3 | B Checchi | 8 | | |
| 4 | H Lord | 9 | | |
| 5. | D. Cole | 10 | | |
| | PROJECT FEATURE | | INSPECTED BY REMARKS | |
| 1 | Dam | | E Greco S Picrce | |
| 2 | 5p.11way | | L Branagan | |
| 3 | | | | |
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| PROJECT Wildwood Lake | DATE 11/27/78 |
|--|--|
| PROJECT FEATURE Dam | NAME E Greco |
| DISCIPLINE Geotechnical | NAME S Pierce |
| Note: d/s = downstream: u/s = 1 | ipstream |
| AREA EVALUATED | CONDITIONS |
| DAM EMBANKMENT | |
| Crest Elevation | 315.1 to 316.5 |
| Current Pool Elevation | <i>3</i> 07. <i>7</i> |
| Maximum Impoundment to Date | untnown |
| Surface Cracks | nla |
| Pavement Condition | grass cover; wheel marks indicate some vehicular traffic |
| Movement or Settlement of Crest | none apparent |
| Lateral Movement | none |
| Vertical Alignment | relatively straight |
| Horizontal Alignment | straight except at left abutment when embarkment curves dis |
| Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures | tie into natural ground right: pionic area beyond abutment left: DPW Garage beyond abutment |
| Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes | none visible |
| Trespassing on Slopes | footpath on als slope, left of spillway |
| Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments | uls -6' hole behind right wirgwail of spillway, ~ 2' deep dls - yehicle path on left eir barkmert |
| Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures | uls - hard placed riprap, sumac planted on water's edge, covers riprap |
| Unusual Movement or Cracking at or near Toes | none visible |
| Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage | als, right on bonkmert: large wet area on slope to right of spillway left hairing wall of spillway |
| Piping or Boils | none visible |
| Foundation Drainage Features | name visible - underdrain system related becomen spillway apon and training walls - drawings |
| Toe Drains | none |
| Instrumentation System | none |

| PROJECT Wildwood Late | DATE 11-27-78 |
|--|--|
| PROJECT FEATURE Outlet works | NAME E Greco |
| DISCIPLINE Geotechnical | NAME 5 Perce |
| AREA EVALUATED | CONDITION |
| OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE | No charix - intake is 4' spring |
| a. Approach Channel | in vertical consists we at spillway |
| Slope Conditions | / |
| Bottom Conditions | |
| Rock Slides or Falls | |
| Log Boom | |
| Debris | |
| Condition of Concrete Lining | |
| Drains or Weep Holes | |
| b. Intake Structure | Hard-operated stuce mie meetal sm * see diamings for details |
| Condition of Concrete | good |
| Stop Logs and Slots | |

^{*} Radney Hunt 28270-2 Ser. # 5-5012-A

| DATE |
|---|
| NAME E Greco |
| NAME S. Pierce |
| CONDITION |
| Outlet opens at alls face of ogen or, next to right training and it spillway Good condition |
| none visible |
| none |
| none |
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| Discharge from outlet eiters ratual stream charge below spillway |
| for exosion protection, some small trees, force in a stranging channel |
| fair. Channel is about 1/5 width of discharge area immediately down ream of spillway. |
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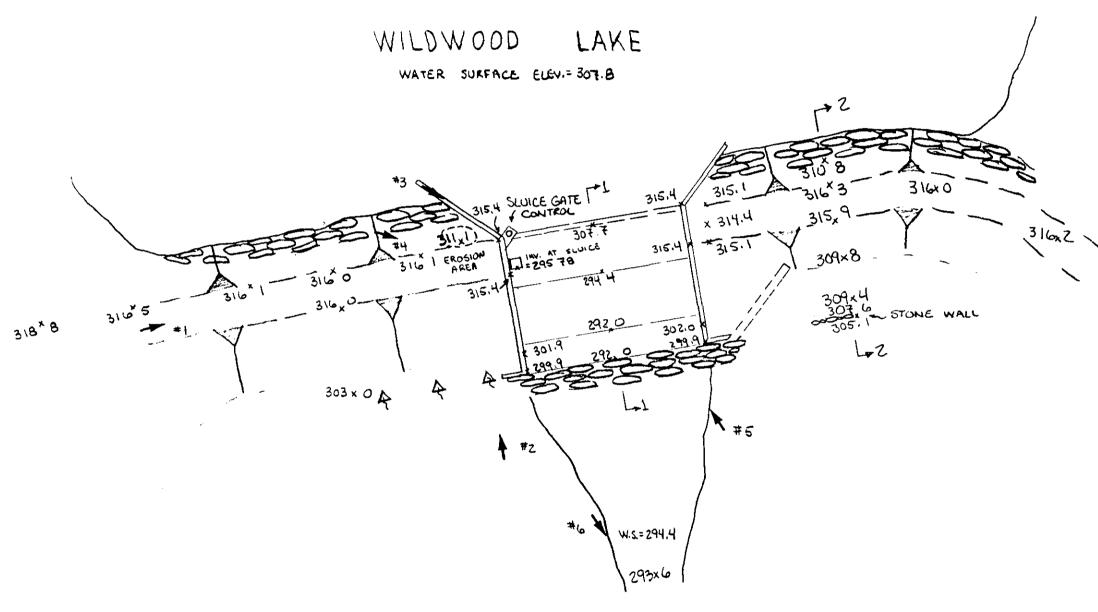
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|---|---|
| PROJECT FEATURE Spillway | NAME L Branagan |
| DISCIPLINE Hydraulic | NAME E Greco |
| AREA EVALUATED | CONDITION |
| OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS | No channel - approxich is vertical |
| a. Approach Channel | No channel - approxich is vertical concrete was of west. Concrete winguas on each side of weir. |
| General Condition | |
| Loose Rock Overhanging Channel | |
| Trees Overhanging Channel | |
| Floor of Approach Channel | |
| b. Weir and Training Walls | than concrete walls oger were. Chambre fence on wall encloses were |
| General Condition of Concrete | good, except minor consumat base of training wall at intersocial |
| Rust or Staining | none |
| Spalling | none |
| Any Visible Reinforcing | rione |
| Any Seepage or Efflorescence | none |
| Drain Holes | rione vis ble -see drawings |
| c. Discharge Channel | natural stream channel |
| General Condition | fair - channel is very narrow or employed to cross of wer large bounders proceed on earth |
| Loose Rock Overhanging Channel | large bounders proved an extlement to the burns the error open to the |
| Trees Overhanging Channel | Sour simu trees, up to 4' d'inviter |
| Floor of Channel | rock, gravel; banks underent time |
| Other Obstructions | accumulation of debrs, and motest ++ footbrage about 150' dis of dain a moss |
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APPENDIX B

PLANS OF DAM AND PREVIOUS INSPECTION REPORTS

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| Figure B-1. Plan of Dam | B - 1 |
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| Location Plans and Boring Data General Plan Profile and Typical Sections Spillway Plan and Profile Upstream Wingwall Details Apron and Wall Details Miscellaneous Details | B-3 B-4 B-5 B-6 B-7 B-8 B-9 |
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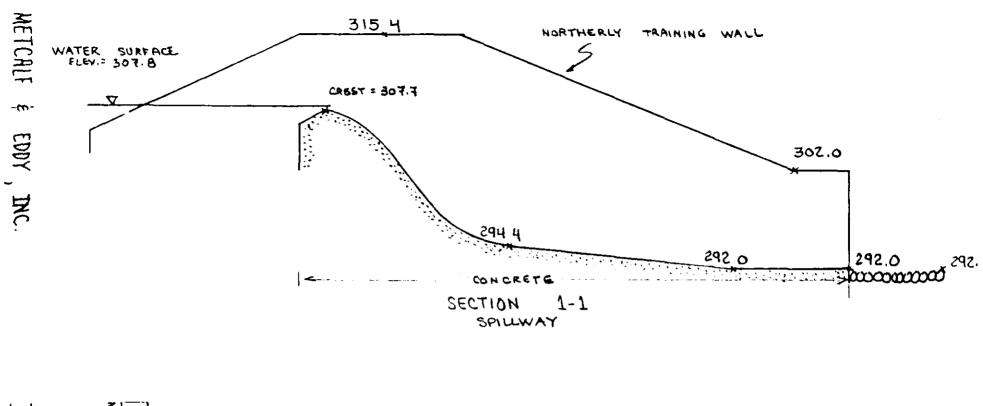
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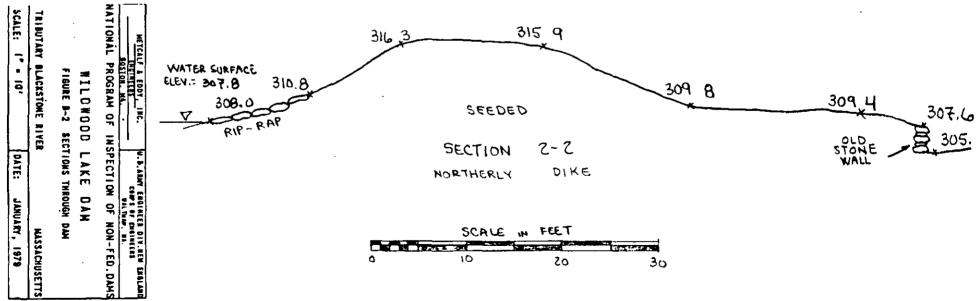
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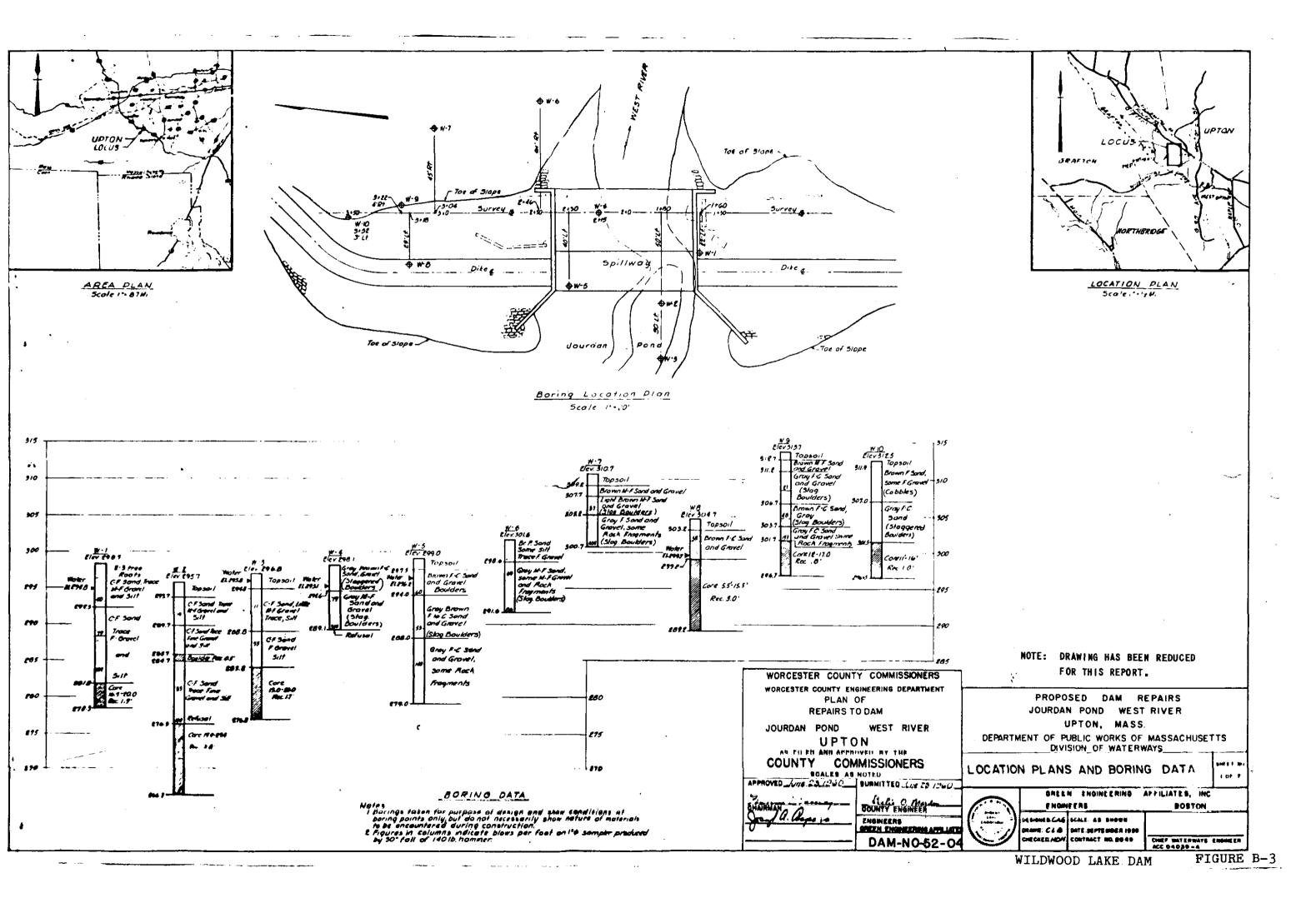
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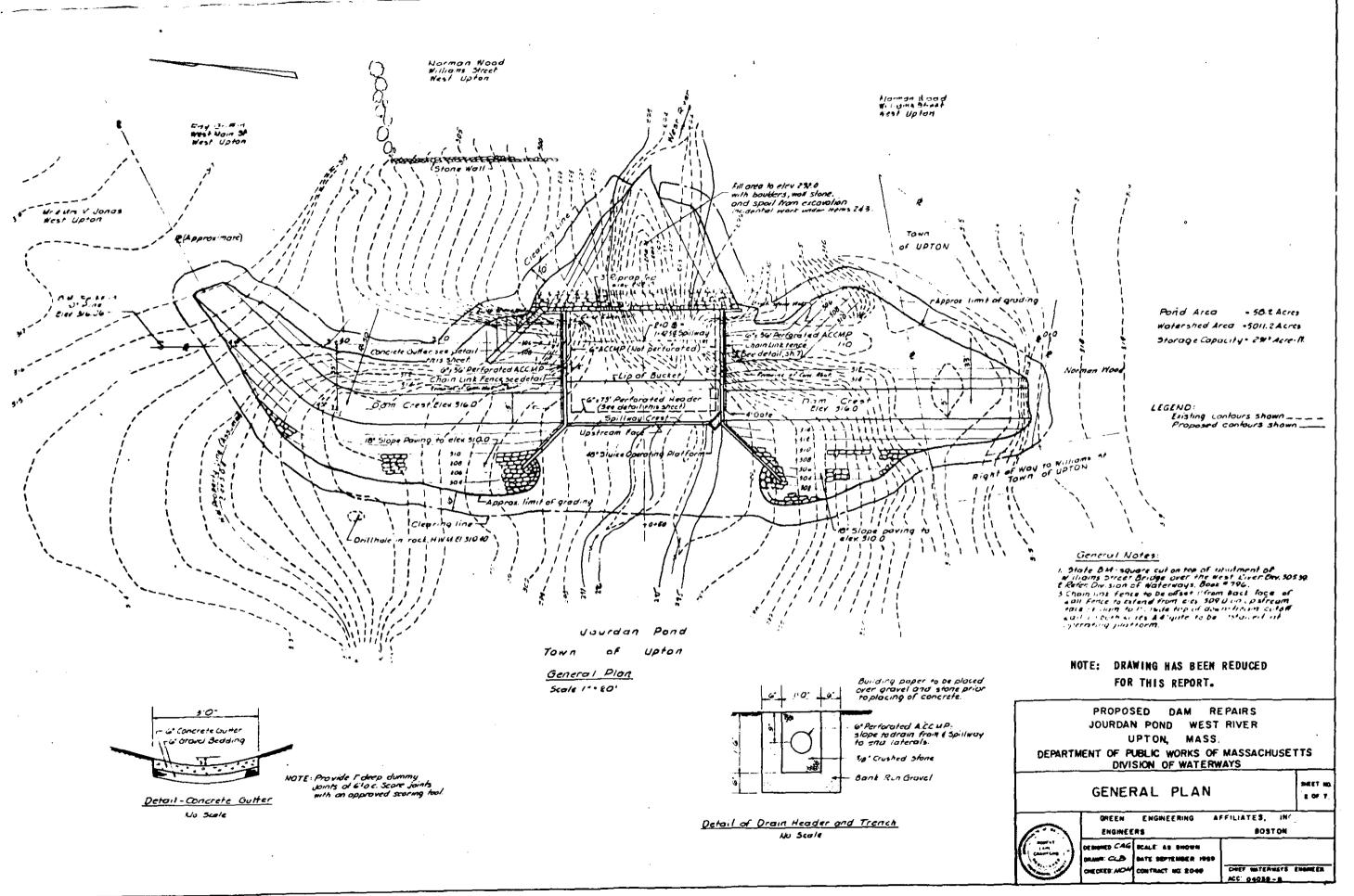
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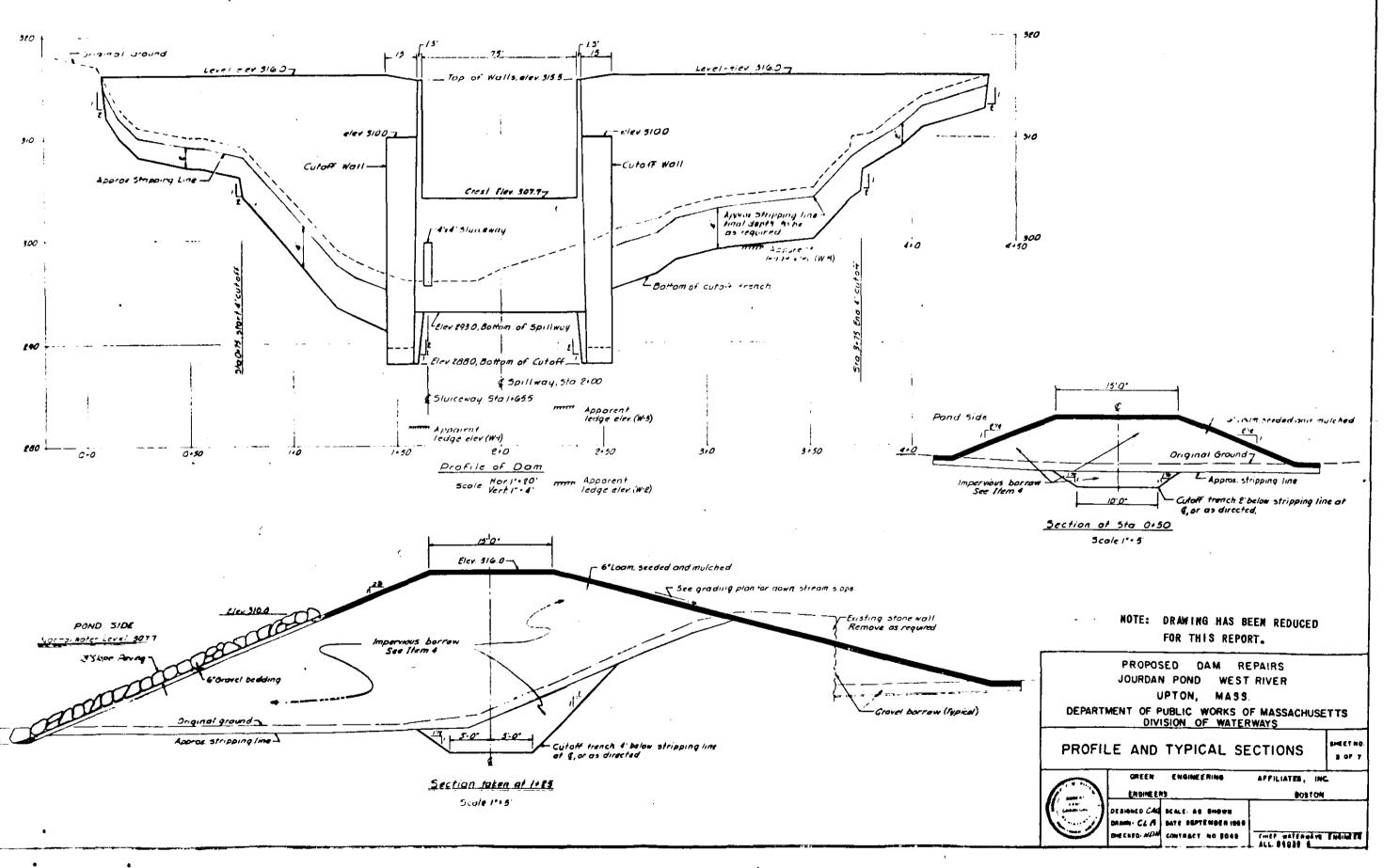
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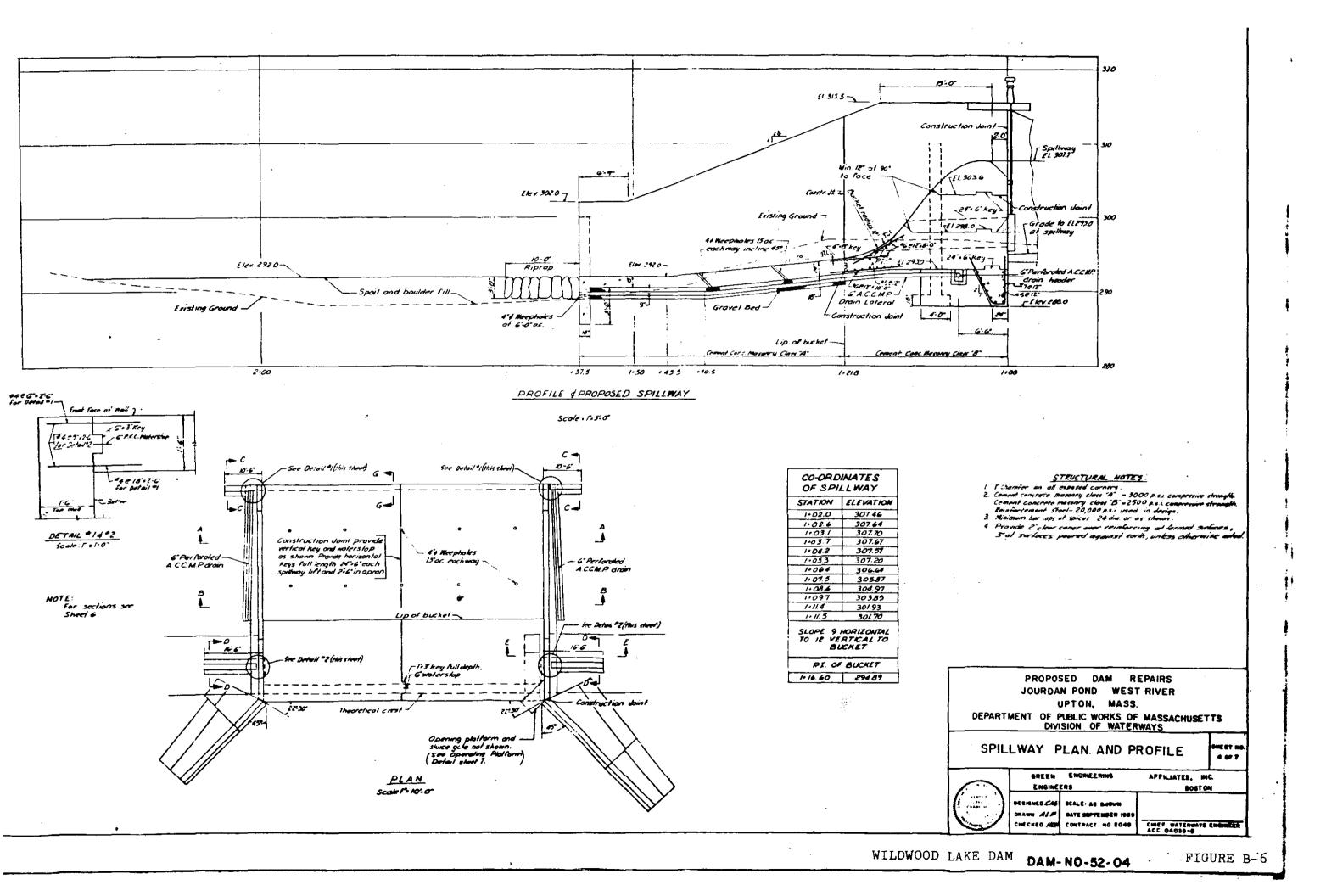


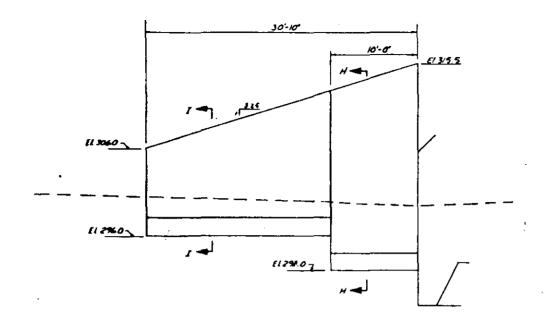






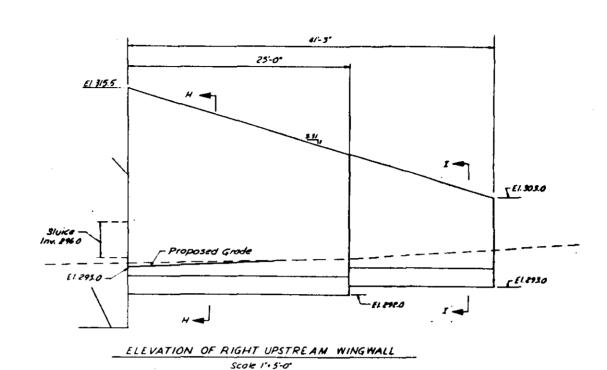






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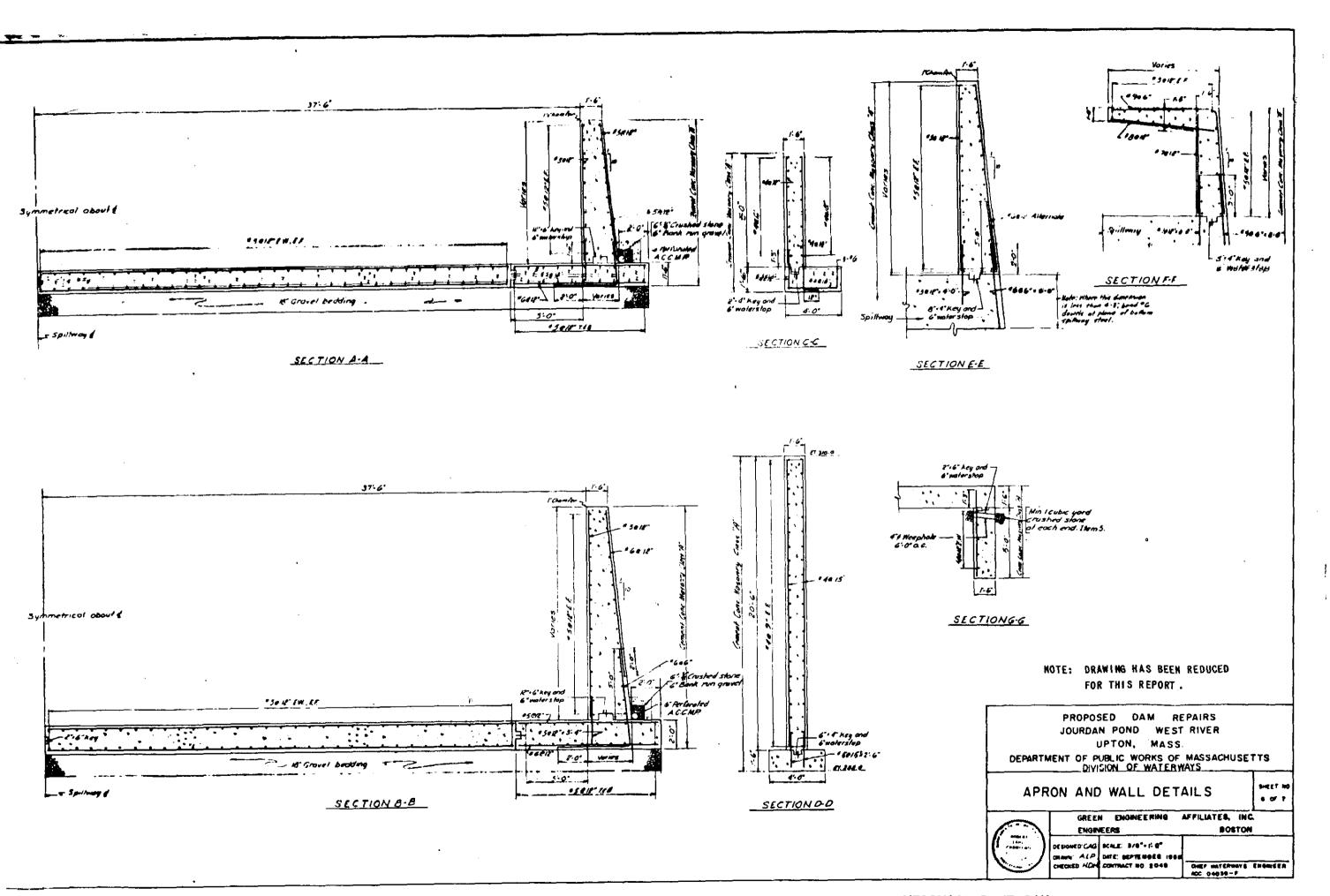
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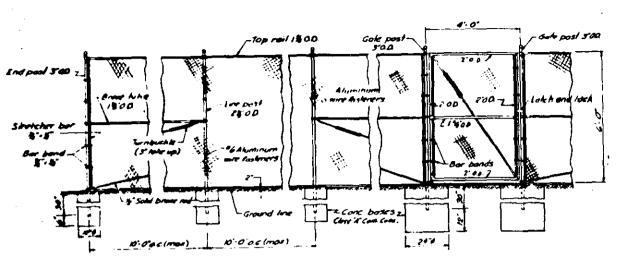
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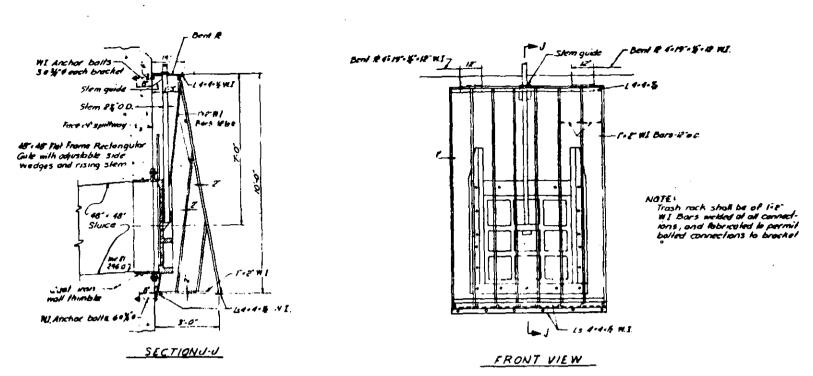
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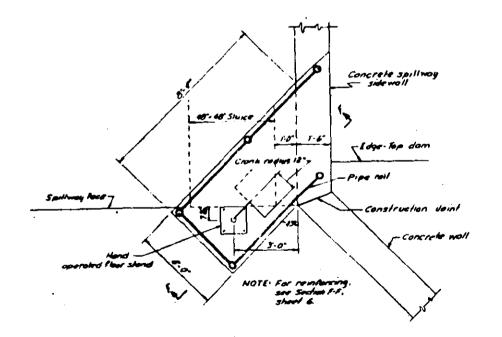
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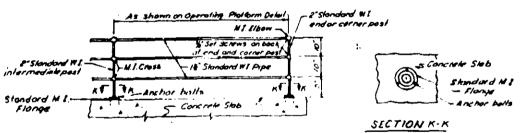
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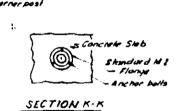


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MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS



GREEN ENGINEERING AFFILIATES, INC. BOSTON ENGINEERS

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                                                                             1936
    TOWN OR CITY Upton
                                                                                          DAM NO. -52-04
                                          DECREE NO.
                                                                   PLAN NO.
                                                                             Plood
    LOCATION West River - W. Upton - washed out by 1936 Flood
                                                                                       C. C. DOCKET NO.
                 DESCRIPTION OF DAM
                                                               DESCRIPTION
                                                                           OF RESERVOIR & WATERSHED
- -- Earth - dry stone walls
                                                        Name of Main Stream West River [ or Jourdans Pond
 Type Heavy Stone Concrete spillway
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                                                          " " any other Streams
 Length "
                                               230.0±
                                                 160-
                                                        Length of Watershed
 Height
                                                        Width " " (drawn and approved)
 Thickness top 15.0 - at waste Gat 28.0
        bottom
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                                                        Is Watershed Cultivated
 Downstream Slope
                                                        Percent In Forests
             12:1 gravel
                                                        Steepness of Slope
 Upstream
 Length of Spillway = 10.5 - Depth . 4.7 - Top Crest El. 3080
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             18. x 12. Sunder spillway
                                                        No. of Acres in Watershed
                                             EH.84.3
                                                         " " " Reservoir
 Location of Gates 20' East of spill way
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 Width Flashboards or Gates
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                spillway rebuilt 1912
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  Owner: Smith Mills ( Treasurer
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Date

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Works
Division of Waterways
100 Nashua Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Attention: Mr. R. B. MacKinnon, Chief Waterways Engineer

Gentlemen:

Subject: Report of Study

Proposed Dam Repair

Jourdan Pond

West River, Upton

We submit the following report of study and preliminary design for your review in accordance with our contract.

It should be noted that we have not yet completed our subsurface investigations; however, our soils consultant has examined the site and no foundation difficulties are anticipated.

We would like to point out that the dam above Jourdan Pond, at Silver Lake, has inadequate spillway capacity, and it could be a hazard to the proposed work under design conditions.

We are proceeding with subsurface investigations and will commence contract plans as soon as we hear from you as to the layout selected.

Very truly yours,

GREEN ENGINEERING AFFILIATES, INC.

R. E. Crawford Vice President

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Enclosures

REPORT OF STUDY

PROPOSED DAM REPAIR

JOURDAN POND

WEST RIVER

UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Prepared For

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF WATERWAYS

AUGUST 1958

By: Green Engineering Affiliates, Inc.
Engineers Boston

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REPORT OF STUDY

PROPOSED DAM STUDY

JOURDAN POND, UPTON

General

Jourdan Pond, or Lake Wildwood, as it was sometimes called, was impounded by a stone masonry and earth dam constructed about 1851 as a power reservoir. The dam was operated and maintained by various industrial interests until 1934, when the pond and dam became the property of the Lake Wildwood Improvement Association, an organization formed locally. At and before this time the pond was much used for recreation, and supported a boat house and a dance pavilion, as well as cottages and fishing. It covered some 50 acres and extended over half a mile toward the Grafton line.

On March 12, 1936 at about 6:45 p.m. the dam failed, apparently due to overtopping. The property later passed to Mr. Grebenstien, who sold it to the Town. At present, the pond has been empty some 22 years, and it is heavily grown to brush and trees. This study is limited to the restoration of the dam itself, as provided in the act of the General Court providing for reconstruction. Clearing and preferably stripping of the pond area will be necessary before filling; this is the responsibility of the Town of Upton.

Hydrology

The West River watershed above the dam site is about five miles long, one to two miles wide, and contains 7.84 square miles. The average elevation is 150 feet above the pond, and the average runoff distance to Jourdan Pond is about two miles. The river runs the full length of the valley and with its tributary brooks drains sizable swamp areas, mostly on the valley floor.

Two ponds, Cider Mill Pond and Silver Lake, are located on the river above Jourdan Pond. Cider Mill Pond, the farthest upstream is largely silted up and may be disregarded. Silver Lake, while partly silted, still has a sizable pool (0.043 square miles) and would seriously affect the water level at Jourdan Pond should the Silver Lake Dam fail.

Silver Lake is contained by an old stone masonry and earth dam with an inadequate spillway, a sketch of which is appended. While this dam withstood overtopping in 1955 and presumably at other times in the past, it is not considered safe for current design floods, nor can Jourdan Pond be considered completely safe for design conditions in the event of a failure at Silver Lake near the flood peak.

Runoff was computed by the Kinnison-Colby method, and adjusted for the greatest measured runoff in a nearby area of similar size

(Conant Brook at Monson Reservoir, 1955). Rare flood runoff was computed as 258 cubic feet per second per square mile, and the adjusted rare flood as 715 cfs per square mile. This was reduced by routing with an impirical hydrograph to a spillway capacity of 460 cfs per square mile, or a total spillway capacity of 3500 to 3600 cfs.

There are no gaging data available on West River. Mr. Childs, of the Corps of Engineers, informed us that in their studies for West Hill Dam they had located high water marks at Waukentuck Mills (drainage area 28 square miles) and had computed the following runoff peaks.

| % Year | Peak | Peak/square mile |
|------------|------------|------------------|
| 1936 | 1340 cfs . | 49 cfs |
| July 1938 | 1340 " | 49 " |
| Sept. 1938 | 2380 " | 85 " |
| Aug. 1955 | 6000 ** | 214 " |

Since the Jourdan Pond watershed is roughly one fourth this area, considerably higher unit runoffs might be expected. It is of interest that the spillway design runoff being considered for West Hill at the time of our discussion was 26,000 cfs, or around 900 cfs per square mile for an area some four times that of Jourdan Pond. This is felt to be more conservative than could be justified for a pond the size of Jourdan Pond.

Runoff and routing computations are appended.

Pond Levels

Survey levels indicate that the normal pond elevation was 307.7 above mean sea level. This is the level of the remains of the old spillway crest, and is borne out by the old shore line, which is still distinguishable. This elevation is proposed for the new spillway crest.

Old property plans show the high water level as a drill hole in a rock above the dam, which we found at elevation 310.40. This is apparently the limiting elevation for flowage rights. We have assumed that for unusual floods it will be necessary to allow the pond level to exceed this elevation by 3 to 4 1/2 feet, which would reach above the floor levels of a few cottages and cause other temporary inconveniences. In fact, elevation 310.40 reaches near the sill of one cottage. Since this high level might occur only once or twice in a lifetime, we feel it would be tolerable.

Layout "A"

The first layout considered was the normal approach with the spillway in the north abutment of the dike, and a sluice pipe through the deep section of the dike. Since this requires a paved channel to the river, we used a 50-foot spillway crest and 7-foot pond rise. This is the maximum permissible rise without saddle dams.

This scheme is appended as Layout "A". This approach is least expensive to build, and with favorable bids for borrow could be

considerably so. Since we do not know the source of the borrow for the dike, we have estimated a high figure for borrow, and arrived at a construction cost without contingencies, of \$92,000. With local borrow and favorable bids on other items, this might be as low as \$75,000 to \$30,000, but the figure of \$92,000 is considered better for financing use.

This-scheme has several disadvantages. The necessity for channel paving and a long approach wall reduces the advantage usually gained by placing the spillway in an abutment. The rise in the pond for design conditions is quite large. Administratively, the fact that this scheme would require acquisition in fee of private lands would be a handicap. During construction, stream diversion would be a problem, though not an insurmountable one.

Layout "B"

In view of the disadvantages of Layout "A," a second, less orthodox, kyout was considered, using a 75' spillway in the center of the dike.

This was estimated as costing \$101,000 to build, without contingencies, surprisingly close to the figure for Layout "A."

Sketches of this are appended as Layout "B." (It should be noted here that these sketches are for general layout only, and no attempt has been made to show details of exact final configurations.)

Layout "B" would benefit less from favorable earthwork prices, but would be more apt to attract low prices for concrete. With favorable bids, this scheme might be built for \$85,000 to \$90,000, but again we feel that our estimate (\$101,000) is better for use in financial planning.

Layout "B" has the disadvantages in price which result from placing the spillway in the center of the dike, and there is a slight added risk of creep along the walls; hardly serious at these heads. Otherwise, this is a preferable scheme from many viewpeints; the longer spillway gives less rise at design conditions, and a less frequent rise above 310.40. The layout requires only releases for sloping on private lands, and could get underway more readily. Finally, stream diversion should be considerably simpler.

Recommendations

While Layout "A" is cheaper, and more pleasing from an engineering viewpoint, we feel that, if funds are available, Layout "B" is preferable.

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
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WORCESTER COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

DAM INSPECTION REPORT

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| Location & Access: PEAR OF DEW A. P. ON RTE FAO IN UPTON. USGS Quad. Graffon Lat. 42.10.25 Drain.Ar.: 747 Sq. Hi.: Ponds: a | IAINTENAN'E Long. 71°57'50 | CONDITION RATING Structural: Good Hydraulic: 75' X75' |
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APPENDIX C PHOTOGRAPHS



NO. 1 CREST OF DAM FROM RIGHT ABUTMENT



NO. 2 DOWNSTREAM FACE OF DAM, TO RIGHT OF SPILLWAY (SEEPAGE AREA)

WILDWOOD LAKE DAM



NO. 3 UPSTREAM VIEW OF SPILLWAY AND GATE MECHANISM



NO. 4 EROSION ON UPSTREAM SLOPE

WILDWOOD LAKE DAM



NO. 5 OGEE WEIR AND RIGHT TRAINING WALL



NO. 6 DOWNSTREAM VIEW OF DISCHARGE CHANNEL

WILDWOOD LAKE DAM

APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

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| Figure | D-1. | Drainage | Area | Map | D - 1 |
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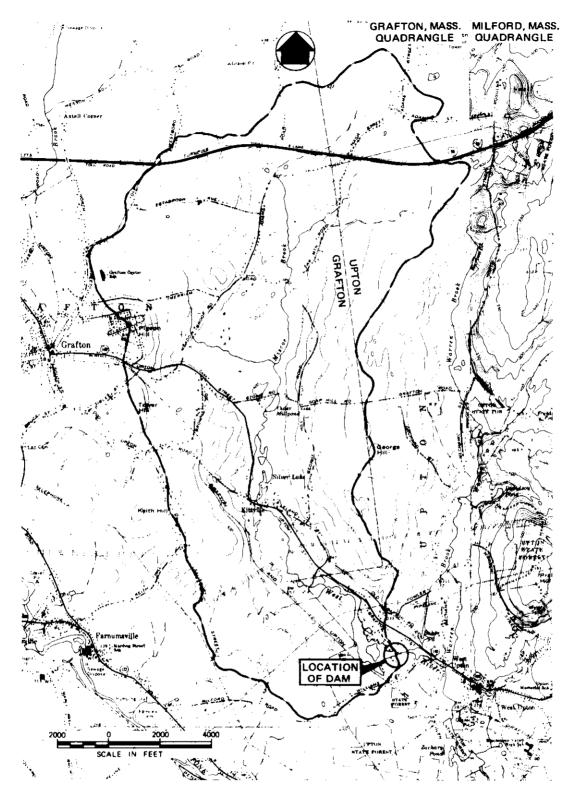


FIG. D-1 DRAINAGE AREA MAP – WILDWOOD LAKE

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| 9-Storage Functions: (Test Flood & 1/2 PMF-if needed |) |
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| 17F = 3000 = 403 D = 3000 = 30 L | _ |
| F _{TF} = 3800 - 403 S = 3800 - 36 D F _{KPMF} = F _{TF} = D | |

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I Discharge Ratings

A- Spillway

Shape-"ogee", length -75', Crest El. 307.7

Use $Q_s = CL(H_s)^{1.5} = 4.0(75)(H_s)^{1.5}$ Pond El. 308 310 312 314 316 318

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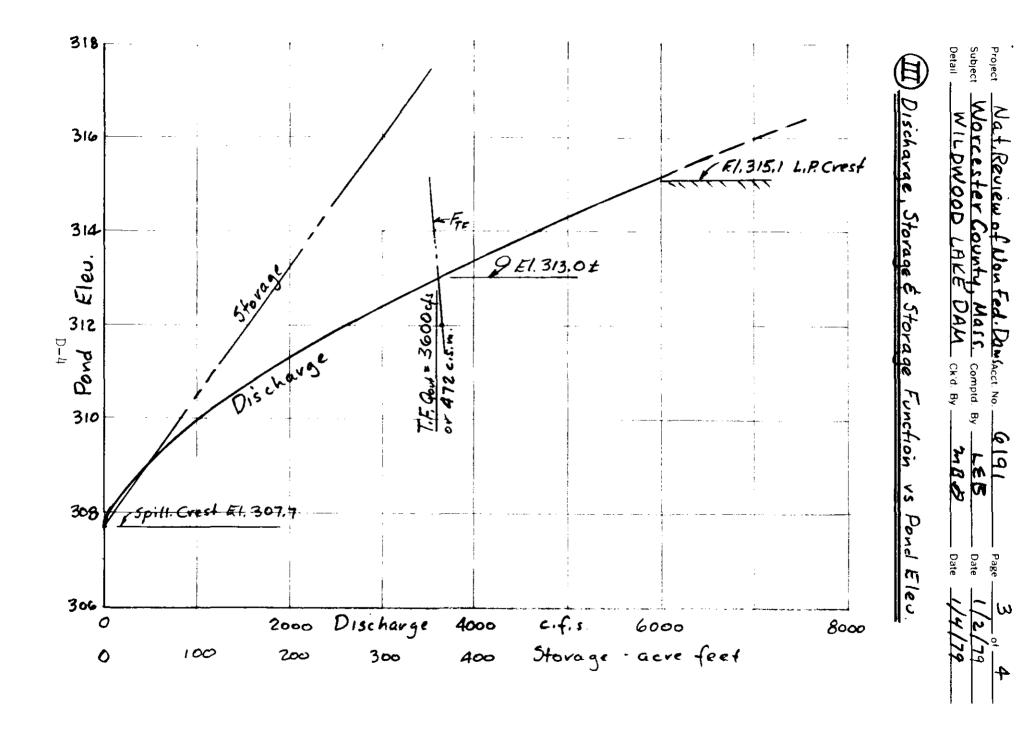
B - Low Level Outlet

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$$H_{L} = 307.7 - 297.8 = 1.8 h_{V} = 1.8 \frac{V_{L}^{2}}{2g}$$

$$V = \left[\frac{c_{2}(9.9)}{1.8}\right]^{1/2} = 18.8 fps; \quad Q_{L} = 300 \text{ cfs}$$

Pond could be lowered 1' in approx. 36,3(43500) = 1.5 hours



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Subject Wovcester Mass. Area Comptd. By LEB Date 1/3/79

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Failure of Dam

Peak Failure Flow:
Pond Elevation - 313 (approx. W.S. 47T.F.)
Toe Elevation - 292 toe
Yo = 21

Dam Length Subject to Breaching = 150 (South embant.)
Wo = 40% (150) = 60 ft

Op = 1.68 Wo (Vo) = 1.68 (60) (21) = 9700 cfc Total flow, incl. T.F., = 9700 + 3600 = 13,300 cfs

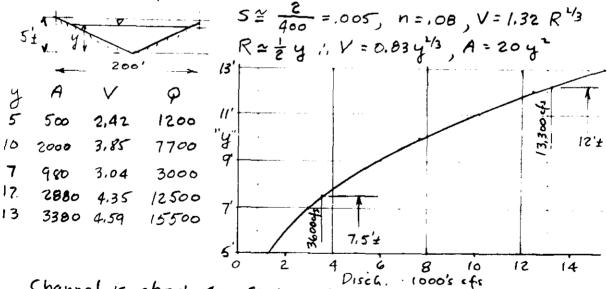
Storage Volume Released:

Storage Above Spillway (313-307.7) 36.3 = 190 ac. ft.

Storage Below Spillway 1/3 (21-5.3) 36.3 = 190 "

5 = Total Storage = 380 "

Channel Hydraulics:



Channel is about 400 ft long before flow reaches small by Williams St. bridge.

APPENDIX E

INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL INVENTORY OF DAMS